invite offers for the operation of the tourist trains on the remaining five circuits from the private sector, International tourist and hotel chains can also bid in response to the Tender notice.

Statement

Broad Gauge :

1. Delhi Cantt.—Jaipur—Jodhpur—Jaisalmer—Sawai Madhopur—Bharatpur—Agra—Delhi Cantt.
2. Howrah—Gaya— Varanasi—Gorakhpur—Bhubaneswar—Puri—Howrah.
3. Bombay—Aurangabad—Nanded—Secunderabad—Hyderabad—Pune—Bombay.
4. Goa—(Madgaon)—Mangalore—Mysore—Hospet—Bangalore—Goa (Madgaon).
5. Delhi—Jaipur—Agra—Gwalior—Jhansi—Varanasi—Lucknow—Delhi.
6. Bangalore—Mysore—Madras—Kodaikanal Road—Kanniya Kumari—Trivandrum—Cochin—Mettupalayam—Bangalore.

Metre Gauge :

7. Delhi Cantt.—Jaipur—Udaipur—Ahmedabad—Veraval—Palitana—Delhi Cantt.
8. Madras Egmore—Pondicherry—Karaikal/Velankini—Tiruchirappalli—Madurai—Rameshwaram—Thanjavur—Chidambaram—Madras Egmore.

शाही रेलगाड़ियों को चलाए जाने का प्रस्ताव

5787. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश के कुछ भागों में पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देने के लिये शाही गाड़ियों को चलाये जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ये गाड़ियां देश के किन-किन भागों में चलेंगी और उनकी विशेषताओं और किराया संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या इन गाड़ियों को रेलवे द्वारा चलाया जायेगा या इन्हें व्यक्तियों या फर्मों को संविदा आधार पर दे दिया गया है ; और

(घ) तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ): (क) से (घ) संलग्न विवरण में दर्शाये गये ब्यौरे के अनुसार आठ पर्यटक सर्किटों पर "पैलेस-आन-व्हील्स" गाड़ी के पैटर्न पर पर्यटक गाड़ी सेवायें शुरू करने का प्रस्ताव है । (**नीचे देखिये**) । राजस्थान, गुजरात और तमिलनाडु राज्यों में पर्यटक गाड़ियों के विपणन और प्रबंधन का कार्य संबंधित राज्य पर्यटन विकास निगमों को सौंपा गया है । शेष क्षेत्रों में पर्यटक गाड़ी सेवाओं के प्रबंधन के लिये निजी क्षेत्र से प्रस्ताव आमंत्रित करने का प्रस्ताव है ।

विवरण

बड़ी लाइन :

1. दिल्ली कैंट-जयपुर-जोधपुर-जैसलमेर-सवाई माधोपुर-भरतपुर-आगरा-दिल्ली कैंट ।
2. हावड़ा-गया-वाराणसी-गोरखपुर - भुबनेश्वर-पुरी-हावड़ा ।
3. बम्बई-औरंगाबाद-नांदेड - सिकन्दराबाद-हैदराबाद-पुणे-बम्बई ।
4. गोवा (मडगांव) मंगलोर-मैसूर-हास्पेट-बैंगलूरू-गोवा (मडगांव) ।
5. दिल्ली-जयपुर-आगरा-ग्वालियर - झांसी-वाराणसी-लखनऊ-दिल्ली ।
6. बैंगलूरू-मैसूर-मद्रास कोडे-कानल रोड-कन्याकुमारी-तिरुवनन्तपुरम-कोचीन-मेटुपालैयम-बैंगलूरू ।

मीटर लाईन :

7 दिल्ली कैंट-जयपुर-उदयपुर-अहमदाबाद-वेरावल-पालीताणा-दिल्ली कैंट ।

8 मद्रास-एर्यम्बूर-पांडिचेरी-कारक्काल मैलादुतुरई-तिरुचिरापल्ली-मदुरै-रामेश्वरम-तंजाऊर-चिदम्बरम-मद्रास एग्मोर ।

Setting up of Budget Hotels

5788. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRIMATI ILA PANDA:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Railways have decided to set up 100 Budget Hotels on their land to facilitate tourists;

(b) if so, whether the Railways have also decided to invite private sector for these ventures;

(c) the criteria fixed for opening these hotels and the places where they are likely to be set up, with details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Railways have prepared a long-drawn programme with the consultation of Cabinet Secretary for receiving five million tourists in the next four years;

(e) if so, whether the Railways have also agreed to introduce 8 new tourist trains on identified circuits;

(f) whether the Railway Minister has also proposed to introduce 2 more Shatabadi trains in the country; and

(g) if so, by when a final decision in regard to the above mentioned proposals are being worked out ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Locations have been identified. Project is in a conceptual stage. Participation of private sector entrepreneurs in development of the scheme is not ruled out.

(d) Action Plan for inviting 5 million tourists by 1996-97 has been prepared by Department of Tourism.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) and (g) Shatabadi Express between Bombay Central and Ahmedabad has already been introduced with effect from 1-5-94. During 1994-95, it is proposed to introduce Shatabadi Expresses on the following sectors:

(i) Reverse Shatabadi Express between New Delhi and Kalka.

(ii) Between New Delhi and Amritsar: and

(iii) Between Madras and Mysore.

Dhubri-Guwahati passenger train

5789. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to resume the running of Dhubri Guwahati passenger train at an early date; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be resumed ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) W.e.f. 10-1-94 25A/26A Passenger provided between Guwahati and New Bongaigaon in lieu of erstwhile 25/26 Dhubri—Guwahati Passenger. Restoration of 25/26 Dhubri—Guwahati Passenger on its entire route is under consideration.